

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Arden Rapp, a lifelong South Dakotan, was born in Arlington, graduated from Arlington High School, and earned his bachelors degree from Northern State Teachers College, where he played basketball and set several records in track; and,

*Whereas*, Arden Rapp taught school in Yankton, Plankinton, and De Smet, where he helped coach the De Smet Bulldogs to two state basketball championships, and coached the De Smet track team to a State "A" track title; and,

*Whereas*, Arden Rapp began his career in state government and emergency management on December 8, 1986, after 10 years in retail; and,

*Whereas*, Arden Rapp has written local emergency operations plans and administered the United States Department of Transportation, Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant, bringing the total number of active Local Emergency Planning Committees in South Dakota to 63; and,

*Whereas*, Arden Rapp launched the annual Hazardous Materials Conference, and has consistently increased the attendance at this conference to a record of 115 participants in 2003; and,

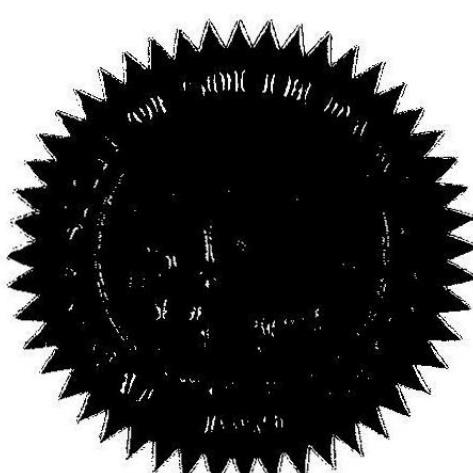
*Whereas*, Arden Rapp is now embarking on a new chapter in his life, when he can fish, boat, travel, spend time with his grandchildren, and thoroughly enjoy life as he retires on December 8, 2003:

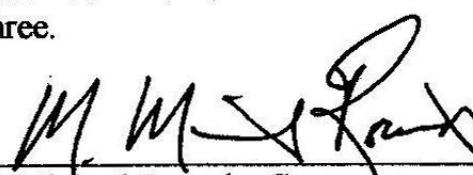
***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 8, 2003, as***

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in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Arden for his commitment to a successful career.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State